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() obtained this information on 13 November 1956 from () who had obtained it from TSUJI Masanobu's secretary (unidentified) a short time before. () explained that, although TANABE has direct access to TSUJI, he consulted the secretary because TSUJI was away in Kanazawa. () gave the information to () on 17 November and () received it on 20 November.

This information was sought in response to FJT-6576. As noted in the introductory Field Comment, it does not take us much farther in the direction of verifying the substance of TSUJI's charges, but it does give some clarification to FJT-833.

Passage to Liaison: None; since purpose is to clarify previous reports not passed, do not feel passage of this appropriate.

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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE. NOTE FOREGOING EXPLANATION

SOURCE Former Japanese intelligence officer (B); from an officer of a Japanese Government investigative agency (F); from a secretary (F) of TSUJI Masanobu, presumably from TSUJI. Appraisal of Content: 3.

Field Comment: The information on this subject of which TSUJI Masanobu claims to be in possession has been referred to in FJT-707 and FJT-748 from different sources, and another version reported in FJT-833 from still a different source. The information reported below was obtained in an effort to check on the previously reported information; it differs in a number of details from that reported in FJT-833. Coincidence between this report and FJT-833 should be taken as confirmation of the content of TSUJI's allegations rather than of the substance of these allegations, the ultimate sources of which remain unknown.

1. On 5 July 1952 a Diet member belonging to the Left Socialist Party received a remittance from Communist China through the Bank of Tokyo in the amount of ¥7,702,276.82.
2. According to a long-time friend of TSUJI Masanobu who is now a high Chinese Communist official, when SUZUKI Masaburo went to China in 1954 he visited Li Fu-chun (2621/1381/2504) and asked for financial political assistance. Li replied that it would be possible to donate a few million Japanese yen to the Socialist Party, and arranged with WAN Han-chen (0389/3332/7201) to remit ¥60,000,000 via the trade accounts of LEI Jen-min (7191/0117/3046).
3. According to a reliable friend of TSUJI residing in Hong Kong, when KATAYAMA Tetsu visited China he received ¥24,000,000 at Hong Kong from the South China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Government.
4. When MEI Lan-fang (2734/3625/3364) came to Japan recently, he brought ¥72,000,000. Of this, ¥12,000,000 was used for business expenses and the remaining ¥60,000,000 given to KOBAYASHI Takeshi, Chairman of the Japan Teachers Union, by SUN P'ing-hua (1327/1627/0553) at the Hotel Telto in Tokyo late in the evening of 31 May 1956. The Union kept 70 per cent of this sum and gave the remaining 30 per cent to the left wing of the Japan Socialist Party. This information was obtained from a friend of TSUJI in

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5. During 1956, Socialists have drawn ¥17,000,000 from the Bank of Tokyo from remittances from Communist China.

Field Comments

Source stated that [SU] was withholding the names of the Socialists indicated in paras 1 and 4 because he felt that, if the Socialists were to take legal action against him, it would be better to have their identities revealed by the Japanese security authorities.

Presumably the Left Socialist Party, since this was prior to the Socialist merger.

KATAYAMA, who is an advisor to the Socialist Party, came to Japan and visited China in December 1955.

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